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February 16th, 1931.

Mr Howland Wood
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Broadway and 156th Street
New York City

Re ESTATE OF JOHN REILLY JR

Dear Mr Wood:

I am very glad that you are going to appraise the coin collection of the late John Reilly, Jr. which is now at the Museum. This is a highly technical subject and I do not suppose there is any one who is as well qualified to pass upon the sale value of these coins as yourself.

Since you have made similar appraisals for other estates, you will, of course, be familiar with the sort of material which I will require in order to prepare an affidavit for you. If you will write me giving a brief statement of your qualifications and experience, together with a general statement of the character of these coins and of their value, I shall be glad to prepare an affidavit and arrange with you for the execution of same.

Thanking you for your kind co-operation,
I am,

Very truly yours,

T. Raymond St. John

TRSJ:w

Feb. 17, 1931

T. Raymond St. John
Hays, St. John, Abramson & Schulman
43 Exchange Place, New York City

Dear Mr. St. John:

Your communication of yesterday is at hand and I will
proceed slowly to examine Mr. Reilly's collection and report
later.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

March 23, 1931

T. Raymond St. John, Esq.
Hays, St. John, Abramson & Schulman
43 Exchange Place, New York City

Dear Mr. St. John:

I am herewith enclosing a draft of my inventory of the Reilly collection. I have also, as you will note, included the books. Would you want this on a separate sheet. If you do care to make the statement you might add to my qualifications and experience that I have made a study for the past twenty-five years of Chinese coins.

I think one of the Courts wants the appraisal on a different size sheet, and you stated in your letter that you would prepare the affidavits and let me have them for execution.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

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March 24th, 1931.

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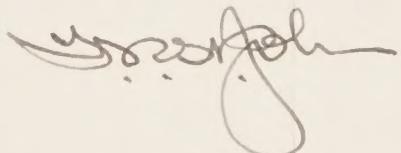
Re ESTATE OF JOHN REILLY, JR.

Dear Mr Wood:

I have your letter of March 25th enclosing a draft of your inventory of the Reilly collection of coins and books and will prepare the necessary affidavits and send same to you at an early date. Mrs Reilly was particularly fortunate in having some one like yourself who is familiar with the values of these coins and whose appraisal will be accepted by the tax authorities as authentic.

Thanking you for helping us out in this manner, I am,

Very truly yours,



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April 1st, 1931.

Mr Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

Re ESTATE OF JOHN REILLY JR

Dear Mr Wood:

Since writing you the other day, I find that you did not attach to your affidavit an itemized statement of the Numismatic books and other books on Far Eastern subjects belonging to Mr Reilly's estate. The State and Federal Tax authorities almost invariably require some detail statement of the books, including the number of volumes and wherever possible the names and authors of the books. I have no idea how many there are of these books and how big a task it would be to enumerate them. It occurred to me that possibly you might have your secretary or some other person at your headquarters make such an inventory of the books. The estate will be very glad to pay for any expense which might be involved in this connection.

It would not be necessary for you to fix the value of each book, but I would like, if possible, to have the above information regarding the books themselves. I am sorry to trouble you about this but believe that it would be easier to do it now than to be required to do it by the tax authorities later on.

Thanking you for your kind co-operation to this end, I am,

Very truly yours,

T. Raymond St. John

TRSJ:w

T. Raymond St. John, Esq.
43 Exchange Place
New York City

April 13, 1931

Dear Mr. St. John:

I am herewith sending you a detailed statement concerning Mr. Reilly's books. In a talk with Mrs. Reilly I found that I should not have included all of the art books but only the numismatic books and the dictionaries. The total sum for the books is \$488.65, itemized as follows: (mostly in bad condition)

120	books on numismatics	\$ 162.00
81	pamphlets on numismatics	18.65
83	numismatic periodicals	30.00
85	books in Chinese and Japanese, on numismatics	154.50
322	pamphlets in Chinese and Japanese	51.25
44	dictionaries, grammers and so forth (mostly in poor condition)	<u>72.25</u>
	Total	<u>488.65</u>

Very truly yours,

Curator.

Books on Numeristics

4	3.25
1	2.50
7	7.75
9	7.50
8	13.00
2	1.50
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11	5.50
2	3.00
3	3.50
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11	2.2
6	2.50
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6	1.0
2	4
1	7.5
1	1.50
4	3.25
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120	162.00

Pamphlets in Numismatics

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<u>14</u>	30
<u>9</u>	220
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Numismatic Periodicals
Unbund

22	2.00
18	8.00
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Books in Chinese = 3600

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April 15th, 1931.

Mr Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

Re ESTATE OF JOHN REILLY JR

Dear Mr Wood:

Enclosed I am sending you an Inventory and Appraisal of Mr Reilly's coins and numismatic books which I have put in the form of an affidavit. Will you kindly execute this affidavit in duplicate and swear to same before a Notary Public who should attach his official seal?

I am very grateful to you for your assistance in appraising these coins as I do not know of anyone else in this country who is so well qualified to pass on their values. I am sure also that Mrs Reilly will be very grateful to you.

Very truly yours,

T. Raymond St. John

TRSJ:w Encls

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April 17th, 1931.

Mr Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

Re ESTATE OF JOHN REILLY, JR.

Dear Mr Wood:

This morning I received your Appraisals of the coins and numismatic books and thank you for your promptness in executing and returning same to me.

Again assuring you of my appreciation of your assistance in appraising the coins, I am,

Very truly yours,



TRSJ:w

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December 22nd, 1937.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 155th Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Since receipt of your letter regarding the gift by Miss Frances Reilly to the Society of the coins and other articles which belonged to her late father, John Reilly, Jr., I have prepared a form of Deed of Gift and am sending you a copy herewith. Will you kindly go over this agreement and see whether it meets with your full approval.

As soon as the agreement has been passed upon by you and possibly corrected to incorporate any additional suggestions which you may have, I will arrange to have same executed by Miss Reilly and by the officers of the Society.

Thanking you for your kind attention to this matter, I am, with the Season's Best Wishes,

Very truly yours,

T. Raymond St. John

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Encl.

December 23, 1937

Mr. G. Raymond St. John
Hays, St. John, Abramson & Schulman
120 Broadway
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. St. John:

Your favor of December 22nd at hand enclosing the Deed of Gift of the John Reilly, Jr. Collection. I will have this studied out carefully. It will be necessary to check carefully the art objects as several of the things were taken away by Mrs. Reilly and one or two things by Miss Francis. I have also been making an independent inventory of these during the past few days.

With the Season's Best Greetings, I am

Very truly yours,

Curator

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